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Applicants:

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Title:

"Integrated Biosensor and Simulation System for Diagnosis and

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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL BECAUSE OF APPLICATION RELATING TO BIOTECHNOLOGY FILED BY APPLICANTS WHO ARE SMALL ENTITY (37 CFR 1.102 and MPEP § 708.02)

- I, Dennis Fernandez, declare as follows:
- I am the managing partner with the firm of Fernandez & Associates LLP, 1047 El Camino Real, Suite 201, Menlo Park, CA 94025.
- 2. I am registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and my registration number is 34,160.
- 3. I am a listed patent attorney for the above-cited Patent Application that was filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.
- 4. I am also the lead inventor of the above-cited Patent Application.

- 5. I have analyzed information in the presently claimed invention filed on 8/22/03.
- 6. In my opinion, the present application is entitled to a Special Status.
- 7. Based on my searches and analysis, I determine that:
 - a) the inventor has a Small Entity status;
 - b) the subject matter of the patent application is a major asset of the small entity; and
 - c) the development of the technology will be significantly impaired if examination of the patent application is delayed because the invention relates to a system biology platform, particularly utilized in managing networked biosensors, may significantly assist in medical decision making for patient diagnosis and therapy for a real-time physiological condition.
- 8. To the best of my knowledge, all claims now pending in the above-cited Patent Application are allowable over prior art of which I am aware.
- 9. I declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 to Title 18 of the United States Codes, and that willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

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